MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether there is any agent in Trivandrum ?

SIRDAR DOGAR SINGH: As we are now trying our utmost to supply articles to the Government of India we do not propose to appoint any agent anywhere.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnatur*): May I know whether the cups and saucers manufactured in the factory are sold in Travancore ?

SIRDAR DOGAR SINGH: We have got agents for the whole-sale supply of china clay. As regards finished goods, they are covered by the orders of the Government of India and we have not got any surplus. Inside Travancore there are agents only for the sale of pickle jars.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the cups, saucers and other things manufactured in the factory are sold inside Travancore ?

SIRDAR DOGAR SINGH: I have already informed the honourable members that we are selling pickle jars in Travancore through agents. Cups, saucers and other household articles are sold direct at Kundara to the merchants as well as to the public. Besides these, we have got orders from the Government of India as well as from big merchants of Madras, Bombay, Calcutta and Lahore and very recently even from Australia. At present we are selling our articles all over India.

The Ceramic Factory.

203. * **MR. G. VELU PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether such articles as cups, saucers, plates etc., are manufactured in the Ceramic Factory at present;

(*b*) if so, whether they have any sale outside the State; and

(*c*) the total amount collected from the sale of such articles in 1115 ?

SIRDAR DOGAR SINGH: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rs. 6,599.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: With reference to the answer to part (*c*), may I know the total amount collected by sale from outside the State?

SIRDAR DOGAR SINGH: The total amount of sale from the opening of the Ceramic Factory up to 11-1116 is Rs. 2,31,502, out of which goods worth Rs. 10,000 approximately were sold in Travancore and the remainder outside Travancore.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: My question was with regard to answer to part (*c*) which states that the total amount collected from the sale of articles in 1115 is Rs. 6,599. May I know the amount collected in 1115 by sale to places outside the State ?

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SIRDAR DOGAR SINGH: Sir, Rs. 6,297 represents the amount we realised in 1115 for the jars, cups and saucers. It does not represent the total sale including china clay, insulators, pipes &c., in 1115 which amounted to Rs. 79,198.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: May I know from the member the prices obtained till now by the sale of clay and by the sale of manufactured articles separately?

SIRDAR DOGAR SINGH: Sir, the total amount is Rs. 2,31,502, out of which Rs. 1,88,806 is the value of the china clay and the balance that of the finished articles.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know the weight of clay used for those articles which brought up Rs. 6,599?

SIRDAR DOGAR SINGH: I am sorry I have not got the figures with me but if the honourable member will visit the factory, I shall give him all the details in regard to the weight of the clay we are using.

PRESIDENT: I do not want to blame the honourable member because he is not a legislator by instinct or training. As soon as the honourable member has finished answering a question he must resume his seat, leaving any further explanation to supplementary questions.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know from the member whether the sale of clay or the sale of manufactured goods is more profitable to Government?

PRESIDENT: No answer is possible at present. Manufacture of goods may be more profitable so long as the war is going on. Afterwards it is likely to be clay.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know from the member whether he will meet my travelling expenses to Kundara if I visit the factory?

SIRDAR DOGAR SINGH: Gladly.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Karthikapalli*): May I know the exact percentage of the loss that the department has sustained during the manufacturing process of these articles?

SIRDAR DOGAR SINGH: We have not suffered any loss up till now. For any loss in breakage is eliminated by using the broken things in further manufacture. If, as a matter of fact, there is breakage during the first stage of manufacture of "green" goods, the material is used again. The goods that are broken during biscuiting i. e first firing, they are ground and again mixed to make the "green" goods, 'green' means unburned.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the honourable member means to say that there is absolutely no loss during the process of manufacture?

SIRDAR DOGAR SINGH: There is absolutely no loss so far as the materials are concerned. But the labour charges spent in manufacturing are added on to the price.

MR. K. P KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: പ്ലേറും മുതലായ സാമാനങ്ങളും തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ എവിടെയെങ്കിലും വില്പനയ്ക്കു വച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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SIRDAR DOGAR SINGH: We have got a Government depot here in Trivandrum near the Mascot Hotel. All the articles are available there in any quantity.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN. ഞാൻ അവിടെ ചെന്ന് അന്വേഷിച്ചതിൽ കപ്പ്, സാസർ, പ്ലേറ്റ് മുതലായവ വിൽപ്പനയ്ക്ക ഇല്ലെന്നാണ പറഞ്ഞത്.

SIRDAR DOGAR SINGH: Last time we sent a good consignment. We are not producing as much as will meet the demand because the factory is comparatively small.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN! ഞാൻ ഇൻഡ്യയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചല്ലാ ചോദിച്ചത്. നമ്മുടെ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലേക്ക ആവശ്യമുള്ള മഴവൻ സാധനങ്ങളും നമ്മുടെ ഫാക്ടറിയിൽ ഉണ്ടാക്കാൻ സാധിക്കുമോ?

SIRDAR DOGAR SINGH: I have not got figures in regard to the total demand of Travancore. But, as far as possible, we have met the demands of the poor classes.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether there is any depot at Quilon?

SIRDAR DOGAR SINGH: No.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know why our clay is turned china clay?

PRESIDENT: China was the first place where they made use of the clay for porcelain ware.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): May I know whether the undertaking of the liability for the payment of travelling allowance to the members to visit Kundara is only a personal one or whether the members should bear the expenses themselves?

SIRDAR DOGAR SINGH: Personal. It will be a great honour to me.

Motor accident at Kothamangalam Market.

204. ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a collision between two State Transport lorries at a bend of the road near the Kothamangalam market;

(*b*) if so, the extent of damage caused thereby; and

(*c*) whether motor accidents of collision have occurred at the same place on former occasions?

MR. E. G. SALTER (*Director of Transport*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 200—approximately.

(*c*) Yes. On 27-4-1115 between a car and a lorry.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know whether the lorries were going in opposite directions or in the same direction?

MR. E. G. SALTER: One was stationary and the other ran into the rear.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Was it due to the negligence of the drivers of both the lorries or of one of the lorries?

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